



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 6270/25
Serial No. 09/370,686	Filing Date August 9, 1999	Examiner	Group Art Unit 2833
Inventor(s) Hirschbold et al.			
Title of Invention Revenue Meter Blade Assembly and Method of Attachment			

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+ \$130 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO./TITLE
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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

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- \$ _____ for _____ independent claims over 3.
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- ☒ is missing or unexecuted.
 - ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.
 - ☐ does not identify the application to which it applies.
 - ☐ does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.
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- A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- ☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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In re Application of:

Hirschbold et al.

Serial No.: 09/370,686

Filed: 08/09/99

For: Revenue Meter Bayonet
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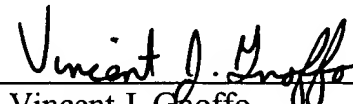
In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated 08/27/99, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration For Patent Application (2 pages) and Power of Attorney (1 page) for the above-referenced patent application.

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- ☐ a small entity, verified statement (1 page) is:
- ☐ attached
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- ☒ Assignment Recordation Fee of \$40.00
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ Other: Assignment (2 pages) and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page).
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/22/1999



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TITLE
REVENUE METER BAYONET ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF ATTACHMENT
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